



British Association of Film,
Television and Screen Studies

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting [TO BE APPROVED AT THE AGM 2019]

13th April 2018

University of Kent, Canterbury

1. Apologies: Sue Harris, Joe Andrew, Anna Claydon, Rajinder Dudrah, Elana Caoduro

2. Minutes of the EC Meetings held in 2017 to be received and approved.

- The minutes were recorded as received and approved.

3. Chair's Report (Andrew Moor)

- It was confirmed that the Association proposes no changes to subscription rates and membership process.
- REF2021: BAFTSS successfully took part in the lobbying for Film and Screen Studies to be recognised in a sub-panel heading (eventually being placed in Unit 33). It was reported that that sub-panel chairs and organisations associated with the sub-panels are in communication with each other. BAFTSS's role in endorsing chairs last autumn, and in nominating people to serve on sub-panels was reported.
- Congratulations were recorded to those taken forward to serve on panels, and thanks to members of academic community who put themselves forward to serve.
- It was reported that, with MeCCSA, BAFTSS has discussed the representation of BAME candidates on the REF panels and sub-panels. We have co-signed a letter to REF2021 asking whether the nomination process for future appointments might be re-opened so that candidates from under-represented groups might have a second opportunity to put themselves forward.
- BAFTSS's new affiliation with the Arts and Humanities Alliance (<http://artsandhums.org>) was noted.
- Plans were announced that BAFTSS will trial 'twinning' mentorships for post-Docs without institutional affiliation, under the management of Rajinder Dudrah. A discussion took place from the floor over the aims and limitations of the mentorship scheme. It was noted that some issues might be more properly handled by UCU.
- PhD students were encouraged to speak to our existing PGR representatives to be involved on EC,

4. Suspension of AGM for an Extraordinary General Meeting

- Proposed and accepted that the Constitution be amended to permit the EC to co-opt more than two PG Reps.
- Recommencement of AGM.

5. Elections to the Executive Committee (Andrew Moor)

- The following posts become vacant at the AGM:
 - Vice Chair
 - Treasurer
 - 5 x Ordinary Member positions (4 x 2018-21; 1 x 2018-20).
- Andrew Moor confirmed that as no nominations for Treasurer role had been received, Elena Caoduro would be appointed to the Treasurer role on an acting basis wef AGM 2018 until the AGM 2019 when the position would be elected.

- An election took place and the following were appointed:
 - Vice Chair: James Leggott
 - Ordinary Members (2018-21):
 - Joe Andrew
 - Charlotte Crofts
 - Alex Marlow-Mann
 - Sorcha Ni Fhlainn
 - Ordinary Member (2018-20);
 - Elizabeth Watkins.
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5. Membership Report (Alex Marlow-Mann)

- 228 members reported (137 salaried, 91 unsalaried), and 1310 Jisc-list users. We have 1993 Twitter followers.

6. Treasurer's Report (Andrew Moor)

- Chair gave thanks to Anna Claydon for her work in the role as treasurer.
- Current balance: £11,574.81.
- BAFTSS has been pleased to make larger postgraduate travel bursaries (up to £100) available for Conference.
- Ongoing funding for special interest groups: £250 available, £500 if not applied for the previous year.
- An announcement about other funding opportunities will be made in Summer 2018.
- It was confirmed that BAFTSS has now changed its bank account to TSB.

7. Graduate Network Report (MaoHui Deng)

- We have a postgraduate network of 81 postgrad students.
- PG activities are promotion on social media (Facebook, Twitter)
- The success of our pre-conference event on publishing advice was noted.
- A call was made for a third postgrad rep to facilitate a smooth transition when current PG Reps graduate.

8. AOB

- Winner of PG Poster competition was announced: Abigail Wittall (1st) and Tashi Petter (2nd place).
- *Open Screens* journal was unveiled and declared open for business: <https://openscreensjournal.com>
- 2019 Conference at Birmingham University announced: probable dates 25-27 April 2019.
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Time and Date of next meeting: Annual conference at the University of Birmingham, April 2019.

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